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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations

Operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989, 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993,

Recognizing that some work has been done and stressing the need for the full and coordinated implementation of resolution 47/199 by the United Nations system,

1. Decides that each operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council will determine a principal theme or themes primarily for consideration at the high-level meeting which will be guided by paragraph 16 of resolution 48/162 and that these themes should be agreed to in the substantive session of the Council for its consideration at its subsequent substantive session, without excluding consideration of other themes to be decided, at the latest, at the organizational session of the Council;

2. Decides also that the functions entrusted to the operational activities segment of the Council by paragraph 16 of resolution 48/162 will be primarily undertaken by the working-level meeting;

3. Decides further to devote up to one day of the operational activities segment to an informal exchange of views on issues to be agreed to at the organizational session, with a limited number of representatives/country

directors at the field level of the programmes and funds, as well as of the specialized agencies;

4. Requests the Executive Boards, the specialized agencies and the coordinating bodies of the Secretariat to contribute to the triennial policy review in accordance with the provisions of resolution 48/162;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his annual report to the operational activities segment:

(a) A section summarizing the relevant recommendations of the Executive Boards of the funds and programmes;

(b) A section summarizing the relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Council;

(c) A section summarizing the relevant recommendations of the previous operational activities segment of the Council;

(d) A section summarizing the relevant policies formulated by the General Assembly;

(e) A short analytical overview of reports on the work of the funds and programmes, highlighting common themes, trends and problems;

(f) A section on the implementation of the provisions of the triennial policy review;

6. Requests the Executive Boards to consider the designated theme of the high-level meeting in relationship to the mandates of the respective funds and programmes;

7. Requests the funds and programmes, through their Executive Boards, in their annual reports to the Council, which should follow a common structure, to include:

(a) A section outlining measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the triennial review;

(b) A section on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment;

8. Requests the Secretary-General in his 1995 report to make proposals on the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199, including the following issues:

(a) Field-level coordination of the United Nations system;

(b) Evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of field-level activities;

(c) Decentralization;

(d) National execution;

(e) Division of labour at the field level;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in the report requested in paragraph 55 of General Assembly resolution 47/199, to give particular emphasis to the provision of information regarding the implementation and impact of Assembly resolutions 44/211 and 47/199 at the field level;

10. Decides that, in taking action on the operational activities segment, the Council shall formulate, as appropriate, decisions or resolutions.